

# CubeSat Lunar and Deep Space Challenges

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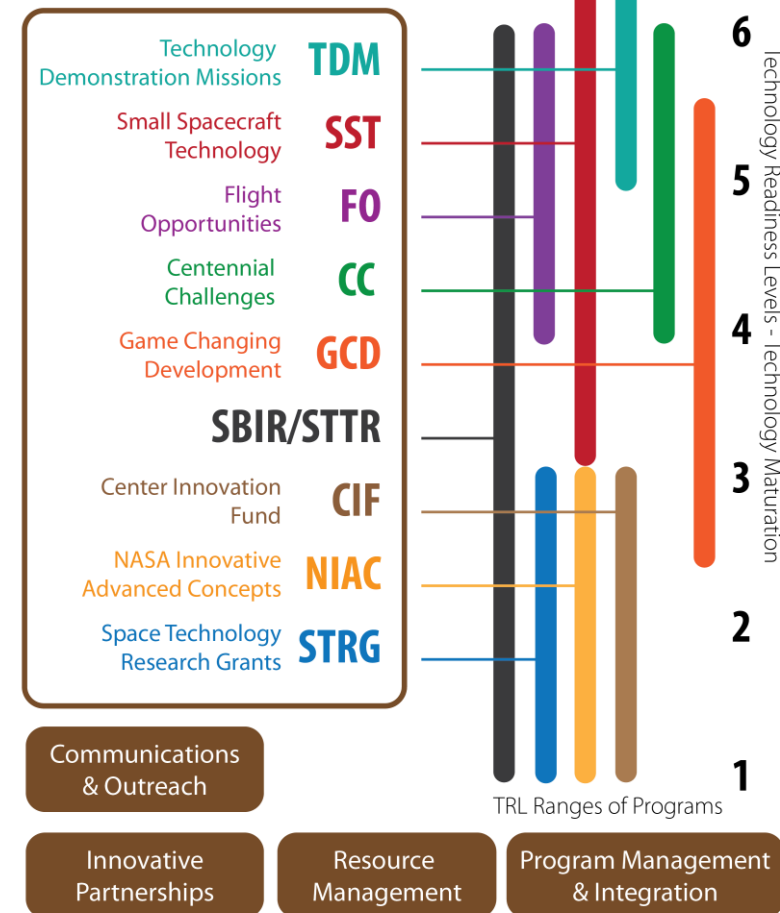
# Centennial Challenges



- Centennial Challenges Program is unique in Space Technology Program
  - Stimulates innovative development using cash prize competitions
  - Targets technical solutions in areas of interest to NASA
  - Challenge competitors
    - US citizens, permanent residents, or US entities only
    - Intellectual Property rights
    - Minimal reporting and government oversight
- Reaching solutions beyond the typical government solicitations and methods

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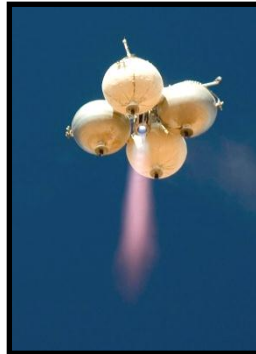
# Previous Centennial Challenges



Since 2005, 24 competitions held in 9 Challenges  
~\$6.0M in prizes awarded to 16 different teams



**Regolith Excavation – \$750K**



**Lunar Lander – \$2M**



**Astronaut Glove – \$550K**



**Power Beaming - \$900K**



**Personal Air Vehicle - \$250K**



**Green Flight – \$1.470M**

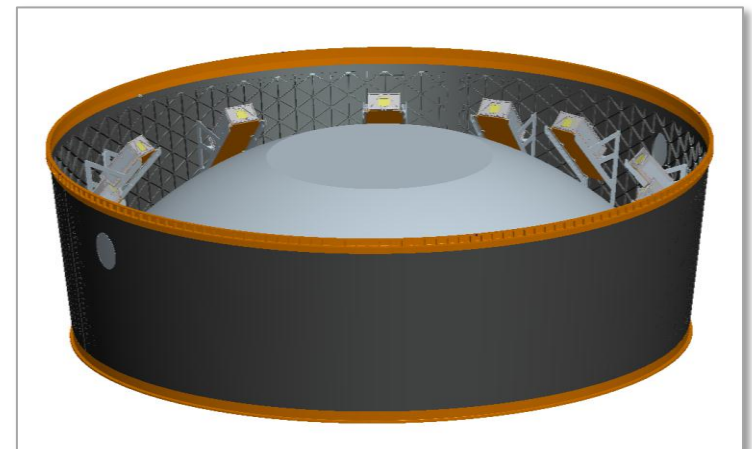
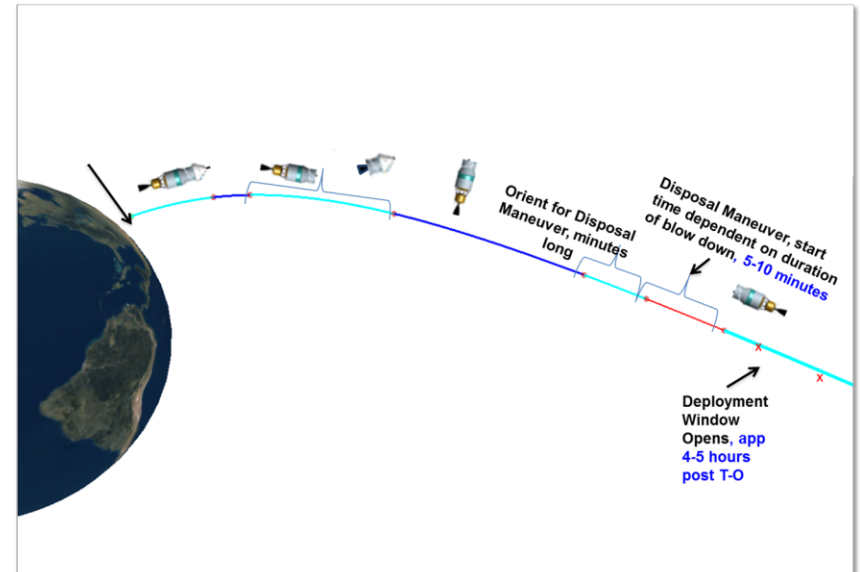




# New Challenges



- Centennial Challenge Program is pleased to announce two new challenges to kick off this Winter
  - The CubeSat Deep Space Communications Challenge
  - The CubeSat Lunar Propulsion and Communications Challenge
- Qualified Teams will launch on board NASA's Exploration Mission(EM)-1 at no cost
  - EM-1 is the first uncrewed lunar flyby of Orion
  - Deploy after Trans Lunar Injection maneuver





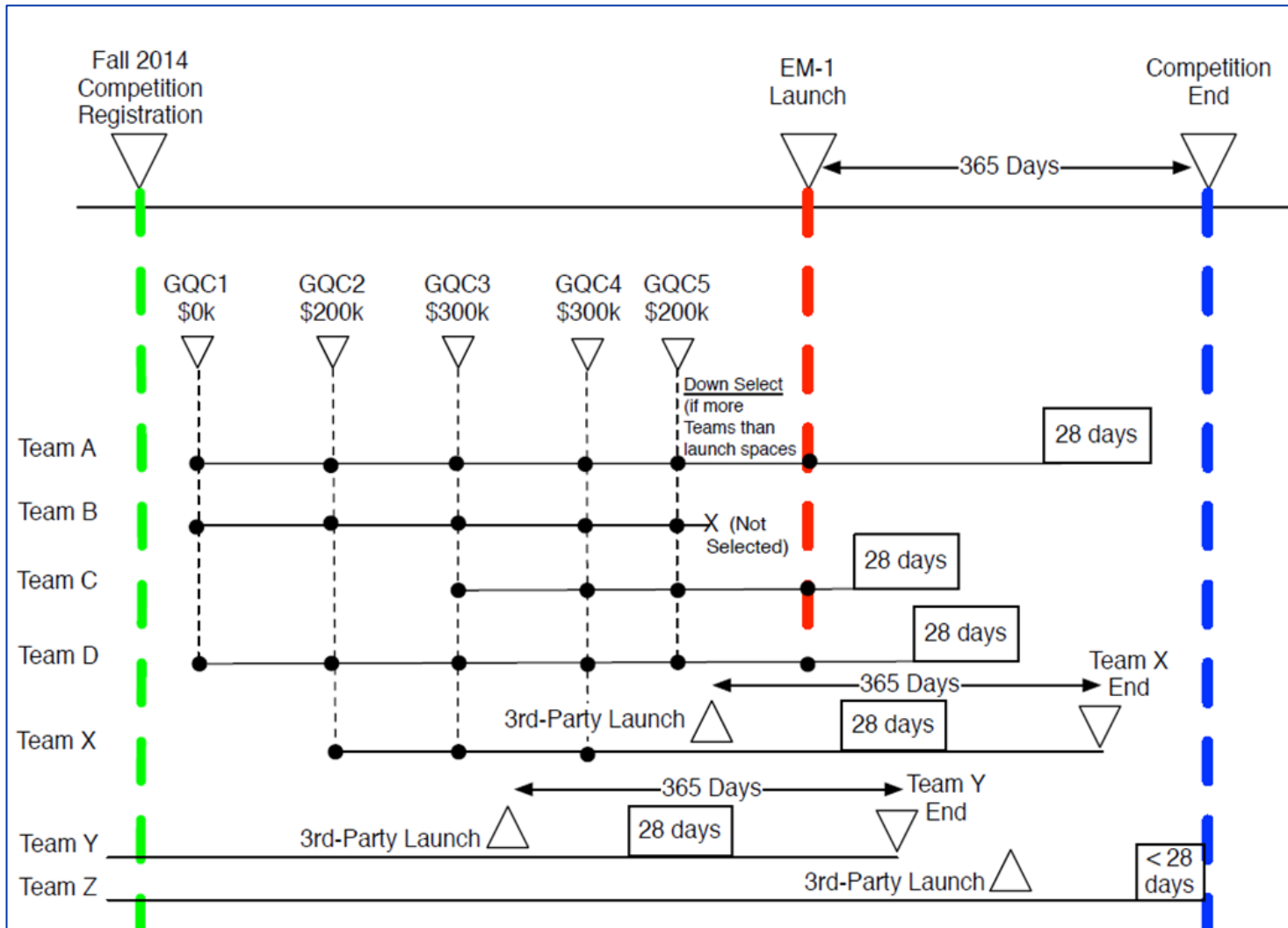
# Prize Structure

- Lunar Challenge Will Award Up To \$3M
  - Achieve Lunar Orbit \$1.5M (*shared*)
  - Error Free Communication \$1.0M
  - Longevity (*Orbit maintenance*) \$500k
- Deep Space Communication Challenge Will Award Up To \$1.5M
  - Error Free Communication \$1.0M
  - Longevity (*No maintenance needed*) \$250k
  - Distance \$250k
- Ground Qualification Competition (GQC) Will Award Up To \$1.0M
- Challenges End Date is 365 Days After Launch Date
- Winner(s) Determined by Submitted Results At The End of Competition Period
- Teams Competing In More Than One Challenge
  - Must Use A Single Spacecraft (*applies to EM-1 opportunity*)
  - Must Meet All Respective Challenge Rules To Qualify for Prize

**\$5.5M Allocation of Prize Money**



# Hypothetical Time Line





# Summary



- New Challenges Starting
  - CubeSat Deep Space Communications
  - CubeSat Lunar Propulsion and Communications
- Challenge Information
  - Registration to Begin Later this Fall 2014
  - Kickoff Summit Will Be Held in January 2015
  - For More Information Go To NASA Centennial Challenges Website

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